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President's Message

This summer weather is really getting hot and unbearable to be outside. Our garden seems to be enjoying it though. It's starting to produce fresh vegetables. We've been enjoying squash, tomatoes, eggplant, banana peppers and bell peppers. Our fig trees are putting on their fruit also.

June Field Day discussion at the May meeting, by Archie W5AG was very interesting and productive. I hope everyone will, choose their position of interest, get active, and on Field Day just enjoy getting together with other hams. I'm looking forward to it.

Changing the format of the meeting went very well. I liked the way we paused the meeting for our snack time and resumed for the presentation by Nick Pugh K5QXJ which was very informative. I learned things I did not know. The part about how to reach others by satellite was something I didn't know. The part about the window of opportunity was also very interesting.

We discussed most interesting contact in the past month. I was very pleased with the participation. I hope everyone makes a point of making interesting contacts for next months meeting. I believe this will encourage young hams that are just starting out to participate and voice their questions in making contacts. I know they will be very excited and would want to share their experience.

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Lafayette Salvation Army Receives AARA Donation

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. annually makes donations to local non-profit organizations. One of those is the Lafayette Salvation Army.

Shown in the picture receiving this year's check is current officer Sergeant John Autry. Sergeant Autry could not make it to the May meeting to receive the check, so Herman KN5GRK presented it to him personally during his Church services.



Sergeant Autry arrived in Lafayette on December 8th, 2009 and is due to leave us on June 6th to work at ALM Camp Hidden Lake in Lexington, Mississippi and then to start Officers' Training in Atlanta, GA on August 6th. The new replacement officers will be Captain Augustus Pillsbury and wife Melissa.

Sergeant Autry is married to Sharon Autry, they have one daughter Eliana, 15 months old and a new son Isaiah 4 weeks old at the time I am putting this article together (May 29th).

You can check out the Autry's webpage at:

<http://www.autrysonline.com/>

At the present time, the Amateur Radio Station K5LSA at the Lafayette Salvation Army has been dismantled due to a lot of renovation going on at this time. Hopefully we can have it back up and running before hurricane season starts. Also, the Lafayette Salvation Army has just acquired a new mobile canteen to use on disaster work, we may see it on one of our event sites in the near future.

Yours truly,
Herman KN5GRK

JUNE AARA GENERAL MEETING

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. will hold their June General Meeting on Thursday June 3 at 7:00 PM. We will continue to discuss our Field Day preparations for June 26 & 27. We hope you can attend the meeting and take part in our Field Day activities.

VE Testing will be held at 6:00 PM. If you plan to test, make sure you have your picture ID, copies of licenses, and CSCE's and test fees.

PLEASE NOTE: If you come early and are not taking part in the test sessions, please refrain from entering the test session room. Complaints have been made that the noise distracts those taking the tests.

DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday June 3rd @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

ARCOS Hamfest - Many, LA
June 5th, 2010

<http://www.k5mny.com>

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

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each month at 7:00 p.m. at the
American Red Cross Building
101 North Pat Street Scott, LA

On May 1st Jim and I attended the Amateur Radio Club Swapmeet and Cookout up at Cypress Bayou Recreation Park where they had a very nice turn out. Everyone had lots of fun and plenty to eat. Michael R M^cCrary WB5LJQ, who is the system administrator for the Shreveport and Minden D-STAR repeaters, was on hand and put on a real good D-STAR demonstration. There were numerous hourly door prizes and one lucky ham won what I believe was a D-STAR capable mobile radio.

The Piney Hills Amateur Radio Association Cook-Out and Crawfish Boil on May 8th was very enjoyable (see article below).

It seems that Jim and I stay on the go constantly. During the month of May he and I also participated in the Acadiana Dirt Riders Enduro event up at Camp Claiborne near Forest Hill, La and then the Cravens, La Enduro up in Vernon Parish. We were actually in the woods between the two communities of Cravens and Fullerton. WOW, just not enough space to write about everywhere we go and everything we do.

I hope everyone is getting ready for Field Day. Archie is in need of volunteers for various duties. Sandy and I will be getting the food together. Calvin is taking care of AMOS and the generators and I'm sure Herman will handle the publicity. Archie will have additional information for everyone at the next meeting.

Remember, as you are getting things ready for Field Day, be safe in every thing that you do and keep everyone safe where you are.

See you at next weeks meeting.

73's

Irma KE5UPK - AARA President

PHARA SwapFest, Hot Dog, Crawfish Social

The Friday morning of May 7, 2010, Irma & I drove up to Ruston, Louisiana a day early. We had made advanced accommodations for the night so that we would be fresh and ready to participate with the Piney Hills Amateur Radio Association in their Annual Hotdog/Hamburger Cookout.

These are always enjoyable times but this year the food was absolutely outstanding because they added a



Jim N5NVP & Irma KE5UPK
Crawfish Boil to their menu. Jerry Darnell was in charge of this project, he really knows how to do them. I'm not sure of the size of the helping but it was somewhere between five and ten pounds. We could not believe the real reasonable price of only \$10.00. This was only my second time to eat crawfish and with the corn and three Irish potatoes I was literally stuffed.

Irma won a very beautiful serving of crawfish and a basket full of goodies. Yours Truly did not win anything. There were numerous door prizes plus the main event prizes at the end of the day. The most significant of these was a Two Meter HT. There were between 65 & 68 people present for this event this year. We are both looking forward to attending this event again next year.

73,

Jim (N5NVP)

Cell # 337-344-1725

May 2010 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

MEETING:

The meeting was opened by the president Irma KE5UPK.

The opening prayer was by the PIO Herman KN5GRK. Herman also asked that the club keep Joy N5YCS and Rick N5RLM and their son Dennis in our prayers. Rick recently suffered a heart attack, had a stint and is recovering well at this time. Furthermore, Herman asked that we remember SK Lee Fontenot WB5NJG and his family in our prayers along with Cheryl KE5IBM & Calvin KD5JCT family member.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

There were 30 members and 2 visitors in attendance.

The VE testing, produced 3 new Technicians and 2 upgrades to General Class.. These were Rebecca Roy KD5WJJ to General, David Bienvenu KC5DPL to General, George Kress to Technician, John Peterson to Technician, and Carlton Gross to Technician.

Minutes: The April Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the

May 2010 LARC Newsletter.

Correction to April Minutes: Irma KE5UPK and Jim N5NVP were inadvertently left out of the member list of those donating monies to offset the clubs 1/3 donation for the purchase of radios for the new hams at the Children's Museum of Acadiana. Mea Culpa.

Financial Report: The April Financial Report was read by Club President Irma KE5UPK due to Club Treasurer Joy N5YCS being absent, taking care of Rick N5RLM recovering from surgery. Any **club member** wanting a copy can e-mail Joy at:

n5ycs@w5ddl.org

Old Business: Herman reiterated that someone needs to step in and continue with the LARC Newsletter as the December 2010 issue will be his last. He volunteered to do some tutoring on MicroSoft Publisher. Just don't wait to the last minute.

New Business: Jim N5NVP, Archie W5AG, Jim WA6MDI, and Herman KN5GRK informed the club members of some very interesting contacts that they made during the last Month.

The Club meeting focused primarily on the up coming Field Day in June. Archie W5AG has volunteered to be the Field Day Chairperson and Sandy KE5KJF has volunteered to be the refreshment and food co-coordinator. Archie W5AG asked for volunteers to have a shakedown run of equipment at the Danny Daigle KD5JSM's farm on Saturday, May 22nd. at 8:00 A.M. Also, He asked for volunteers for actual Field Day, Saturday and Sunday, June 26th and 27th at the Rayne Frog Festival Pavilion.

Archie also needs at least two BBQ pits. Charlie KI5XP recommended that we start assembly of some of the equipment on Friday, the 25th about 4:00 P.M. John NJ5X will be bring his camper and may provide security for the equipment.

Guest Speaker: After breaking for sandwiches and drinks, Nick K5QXJ gave a presentation and video on satellite communications along with a Q&A session. Thanks Nick.

Door Prizes:

1. KD0BZO David A tape recorder, stuffed animal, and a video.
2. KI5XP Charlie Two DVD's
3. KC5VRN Phoebe Two DVD's and a VHS video.

4. KC55DPL David A wall clock and a stuffed animal.
5. Scott Peterson A digital camera.

Respectfully Submitted:

Paul D. Scallan, Sr. K5VSH
Secretary, AARA

May VE Test Results

The following persons tested at the May 6th VE Test Session and received the following license:

David A. Bienvenu KC5DPL of Scott, LA upgraded to General Class.

Rebecca E. Roy KD5WJJ of Jeanerette, LA upgraded to General Class.

John S. Peterson of Baton Rouge, LA received Technician License KF5GTP

Carlton B. Cross of Lafayette, LA received Technician License KF5GTQ.

George H. Kress of Sulphur, LA received Technician License KF5GTR.

VE's present for the test session were:

Greg Dolan II - K5LFT
John Cuniff - W4JHC
Charles Lee - KD5PUP
Archie Hill - W5AG

**Father's Day
June 20th**

**PS. Dads Love
Ham Radio
Equipment!**

Beginners Series

Part 2 – Purchasing a Radio

by David Aubuchon KD0BZO

This series is all opinion of what I have experienced and learned in the 3 years since my license grant in November 2007. Particularly emphasizing information and equipment pertaining to handheld transceivers also known as handy talkies or ‘HT’s.’ This is all opinion about what a new technician licensee should think about when they are in the process, going to purchase a new radio, and where to seek information

After a newly licensed amateur radio operator has researched a radio and has come to a conclusion on exactly which item they would like to purchase; where can one actually buy the particular equipment? Where can he or she get the most “bang for the buck?” There are a variety of places; do not forget to consider that different places may give someone more of an advantage than will other places. Some of these places include: purchasing on the internet, buying at ham fests, trading your now ancient and restrictive Citizen Band [CB] rig for a more powerful and useful amateur radio at a swap meet, or purchasing from a club member.

Firstly, there are many places to purchase an item pertaining to amateur radio, but a newly licensed ham operator should take heed to the old saying “buyer beware.” I am sure that through your in-depth researched you have received a lot of advice on where to go, but here are some things to keep in mind when shopping online. For instance, a new ham would like to purchase a Kenwood TH-F6A through the internet shipped to his or her home. He or she should keep in mind pictures of the product and shipping information [such as warranties / damaged goods / fees / etc].

Kenwood’s webpage [www.kenwoodusa.com/Communications/Amateur_Radio] does not sell amateur radio equipment to the public from their webpage. One would have to seek information through a local dealer or an online dealer. However, through Kenwoodusa.com, one could get detailed information about the F6A.

Gigaparts’ webpage [www.gigaparts.com/radioindex.php] lists the F6A at a regular price of \$324.00. But the excitement does not stop there, they also list the item with a \$40.00 instant rebate [expires: 07/31/2010] and a \$15.00 online discount [for online orders only]. This brings the net price to a total of \$269.00. Also, the page [as of 5/17/2010] states these expire on 5/17/2010. Click on “Policies” at the bottom of the page, one will also be delighted with their free shipping on orders over \$200.00 to the contiguous 48 states. As mentioned before, ask about other details, such as if you receive a defective or damaged item and other information pertinent to help you decide to purchase from them or not.

HRO’s webpage [www.hamradio.com] under “HT Triband 2/220/440” lists the same F6A as \$329.95 original price with a \$40.00 coupon bringing your total price to \$289.95. Also on this same page, you will see that they offer free UPS Ground delivery to the contiguous 48 with most orders over \$100.00. On the bottom “Shipping info” link, one can get detailed shipping information, before placing an order. Also find contact information to receive further detailed information on received defective or damaged items and other information pertinent to help you decide to purchase from them or not.

AES’ webpage [www.aesham.com/index.html] lists the F6A at a price of \$299.99 including an instant coupon discount [worth \$40.00]. AES states “all orders over \$1500.00 are shipped FREE via UPS Ground in the contiguous 48 states!” When you “Add to my AES cart” you will notice the UPS Ground shipping charge totaling to \$9.99

for a “Grand Total” of \$309.98. On the same checkout page one can find information about receiving their new equipment at an earlier time. A person can then click back to the home page and find, under the links title, “Policies & Privacy.” This will give information on subjects like damaged or defective items, returns, and contact information.

Ham city’s webpage [<http://www.hamcity.com/store/pc/home.asp>] lists the F6A at a price of \$276.95; and depending on how bad you would like to receive your new radio; Ham City has an option for you. If you are not in a rush to receive your equipment your shipping to the Lafayette area would be \$12.44; but if you would like to use the radio the next day after 10:30am, you can choose next day air for an additional \$82.71. I did not notice any coupons or discounts listed, nor did I read anything about price matching. So you could pay anything from \$289.39 [radio plus standard ground] upwards to \$359.66 [radio plus next day air]. One can then view the Ham City’s shipping policies, Terms & Conditions, and contact information through the “Contact Us” link.

EBay’s webpage [www.ebay.com] under electronics then radios one can find a category named “CB, Ham & Shortwave” to look up the Kenwood TH-F6A. As of the evening of May 17th, 2010; I saw an advertisement for this item listed as “Kenwood TH-F6A Tri-bander With PG-4Y Programming Cable” for \$237.50 USD with \$16.00 USD shipping. I am not one to Order from such an entity as eBay, but do not let that stop you. I have so far never bought

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anything from this site, so I am not a good resource for information pertaining to any positive or negatives attached to getting an item from this internet place. However, I do know eBay uses a star system and provides people with an opportunity to write and leave positive or negative feedback on a seller or buyer. As far as shipping, according to this seller's description, a buyer has an option to use the default \$16.00 USD toward priority mail or use \$12.00 USD for parcel post. Under the shipping and payments tab, the seller does not include insurance for the item and does not accept returns for this item.

Secondly, ham fests, as mentioned in Part 1, are a great time to not only ask questions and seek information about a product face to face, but also try a product on the spot and see if it is right for you. Some dealers may even give you a price that you just can not pass up or you may have an option to respectfully negotiate with a seller. If you are going to try to lower the price through negotiation; keep in mind that they have the product with them, you do not have to worry about shipping charges, nor defective or damaged items because you can see the product on the spot. I like ham fests exactly for this reason because I am one to prefer to buy in person rather than online, but do not let this stop you from buying however you may prefer.

Thirdly, swap meets are similar to ham fests, although I have never been to one that was not advertised particularly as a ham fest. It would make sense to me that a swap meet has people, and maybe even dealers, present for others to purchase items or swap used equipment for a particular piece of equipment.

Forth, one can get equipment through local amateur radio clubs. Local clubs are a great resource for getting not only quality information about a particular product but also a way to network to get information about who is selling equipment at a fantastic price. This may be done through publications, such as the LARC; in person, as discussed in Part 1; or over the radio or a friend's radio. Although there is a fine line when it comes to selling items over the radio, the FCC does in fact state "97.113 Prohibited transmissions. (a) No amateur station shall transmit: (1) Communications specifically prohibited elsewhere in this part; (2) Communications for hire or for material compensation, direct or indirect, paid or promised, except as otherwise provided in these rules; (3) Communications in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. Amateur operators may, however, notify other amateur operators of the availability for sale or trade of apparatus normally used in an amateur station, provided that such activity is not conducted on a regular basis;" This, to an extent, grants us Ham Radio Operators rights to sell or buy equipment on air as long as it pertains to Amateur Radio.

In conclusion, I am in no way an expert on this matter, but merely an opinionated consumer. The expressed statements made were through actual experience that led to a familiarity and joyful purchase of a Tri-band Kenwood TH-F6A handy talkie (mostly used as a mobile transceiver). It seems with just a little research one can find the best deal for an item, which they have put a lot of thought into; and with little effort, one can save a bunch of money. Money that can, in the near future, be used to purchase accessories and or upgrades for their new amateur radio.

73!

David Aubuchon

Kilo Delta Zero Bravo Zulu Oscar [KD0BZO]

Pre-Field Day Check-out

On Saturday May 22nd, members of the AARA did a early check out of our Field Day equipment at the QTH of Danny & Kathy Daigle (KD5JSM & KD5TJZ). I had sent a e-mail to my list with some of the pictures, however, these pictures were taken by Karen KE5RPI late and did not get in the e-mail, so I thought I would enclose them in this little article. You can see the other pictures if you go to the Louisiana ARRL Section webpage at: <http://www.laarrrl.org>.

Thanks to Danny and Kathy for letting our club keep our storage building and tower trailer on their property.



Shown are: (l. to r.) Sandy KE5KJF, Nick KE5MWX, Dick WA6MDI (sitting with radio), Fred W5MLE (in golf cart), Danny KD5JSM & Glen.

Shown are: Nick KE5MWX, Fred W5MLE (in golf cart), Glen, Danny KD5JSM.

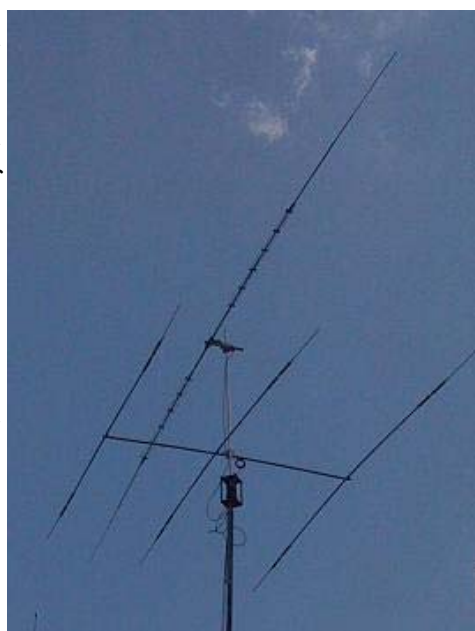
Photos by: Karen KE5RPI

Programming Notes:

Archie Hill W5AG
AARA Vice President

The AARA meeting this June 3rd will include a technical talk by Larry LeBlanc, KE5KJD, on the topic "Antenna Modeling for Beginners." Thanks again to Nick Pugh, K5QXJ for providing the projector for this talk. The talk will be during the light meal and after the short business meeting that normally begins at 7:00 pm. Our July meeting (first Thursday is July 1, ?) will feature a talk by Fred Marshall, W5MLE, on the topic, "Repeater Equipment Old and New," assuming his travel schedule will allow his participation.

Excitement is building for our Field Day, June 26-27. We had a successful practice run with many helpers on May 22, at Danny Daigle's (KD5JSM) farm. The portable tower was erected with two antennas mounted, including a tri-bander for 10-15-20 meters and a rotatable dipole for 40 meters (see photo). Fred Marshall demonstrated his equipment including a multi-band dipole and a trailer for transporting his antennas and a golf cart. The AMOS Van (formerly a Charlie's Chips stepvan) started up and all radios and the air conditioner were working. Power was brought to the van by the club's Onan 5KW generator, however this generator continues to have intermittent times when it don't want to run. I have checked on some prices to rent a 4.5 KW generator from Oge's in Lafayette. The weekend rental for a gasoline powered unit is \$55. I also checked on a price for a Port-a-Let rental from Events Solutions of Lafayette, who will drop off and pick up the unit for a total price of \$135. All those hams intending to participate as operator's, antenna team, food helpers, etc., are encouraged to attend our June 3rd meeting to continue our Field Day planning.



June 2010 Special Events & Contests

JUNE 5 & 6	MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND - There will many Museum Ships, and Lighthouses on the air this weekend-too numerous to list.
JUNE 11 & 12	WØS - Commemorating 149 years of the <i>Stars & Stripes Newspaper</i> .
JUNE 12 - 14	ARRL June VHF QSO Party.
JUNE 19	Kid's Day. A good opportunity for kids getting on the air.
JUNE 19 & 20	W7P - Celebrating 150 years of the Pony Express at Ft. Laramie, WY.
JUNE 20	Spanish Islands Contest.
JUNE 23 - 28	KA3PMW - Field Day at Camp Anawanda, PA. for the 100 th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts.
JUNE 26 & 27	ARRL Field Day. This will be the busiest contest of the year.
JUNE 28	10-10 Spirit of 76 QSO Party.

You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the June 2010 issue of QST on pages 80 and 87.



2010 BIRTHDAYS

6/05	KAREN	KE5RPI
6/06	MARK	KE5NTW
6/09	ANN	KF5CNV
6/11	DEBORAH	KC5VDK
6/11	SANDRA	KE5KJF
7/01	ED	WA5TNK
7/01	CHARLES	K5UA
7/02	EUGENE	WA5KNC

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

ARCOS Hamfest

Many, Louisiana

Sponsored by: Amateur Radio Club of Sabine & Gulf Coast Hurricane Net.

Date: Saturday June 5, 2010

Place: 1756 San Antonio Ave.

Many, Louisiana

Sabine Parish EOC

Time: 8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Talk-in: 147.280 + 600 No PL

Admission: \$5.00 includes 1 Main Prize ticket. Additional tickets are 6 for \$5.00.

Main Prizes

1st-Yaesu FT-817ND QRP Rig

2nd-Yaesu FT-8900 Quad Band Mobile.

3rd-Yaesu FT-250 HT

Food: Bar-B-Q brisket, links and hamburgers, beans and tater salad along with chips and soft drinks. The price for the food will be \$4.00 and \$5.00 per plate .. depending on what you order.

Contact: Cecil Harper, W5CQG

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Email: wd5cqg@windstream.net

April 2010 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	5	45	0	74	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	5	73	0	125	KF5CNU Grant
Acadiana ARES Net	4	18	2	37	N5LRZ Ray
Vermillion Parish ARES Net	4	29	0	49	KE5JXC Arnold
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* M 6 / G 8	0	17	KE5JKD Larry

The place to improve the world is first in one's own heart and head and hands.—Robert M. Pirsig, American Author

Local SkyWarn Net Activated

To: ALL

Here is a report on Lafayette SkyWarn Activities for Wednesday May 26, 2010.

Severe thunderstorms erupted this afternoon and affected western Lafayette Parish, Northern Vermillion Parish and then Eastern Acadia Parish.

The SkyWarn system was activated on the 145.370 (pl 103.2) Lafayette SkyWarn repeater at 1616 hrs local today and remain in operation until 1720 hrs. No severe weather was observed by our spotter network.

Thanks very much to the following stations that participated:

- * KN5GRK - Herman
- * KF5CNU - Grant
- * KE5TEY - Monte
- * KF5AHM - James
- * WA5TNK - Ed - NC

Ed Roy
Lafayette EC
OHSEP Radio Officer

Hurricane Season officially opened June 1, 2010 and ends on November 30, 2010.



AARA Field Day 2010

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. will be holding their Field Day exercise at Noon Saturday June 26 until Noon Sunday June 27.

Our location will be Gossen Memorial Park, Rayne, Louisiana in the large pavilion near the Rayne Civic Center. Look for signs and antennas.

Talk-in: 146.820 -

WHAT IS FIELD DAY?

Field Day is held on the last weekend of each year in June, starting at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2100 UTC on Sunday. Field Day is an event sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) each year during the last full week-end in June. Amateur Radio operators world-wide will set up and operate under emergency conditions, using battery, generators, or solar power. The rules for these operations are set by the ARRL and are very strict.

The City of Rayne, Louisiana has been kind to allow us to have Field Day in the city. Mayor James J. Petitjean of Rayne, Louisiana has issued a proclamation each year proclaiming "AMATEUR RADIO WEEK" in the City of Rayne and Acadia Parish.

We would like to encourage anyone interested in seeing amateur radio stations in operation or getting into this good clean, educational, fun hobby to drop by for a visit. We will have stations communicating by Morse Code, Voice, and Data also we will be using EchoLink (radio operating over the internet). Another interesting thing to see is a antenna suspended by a National Weather Service weather balloon.

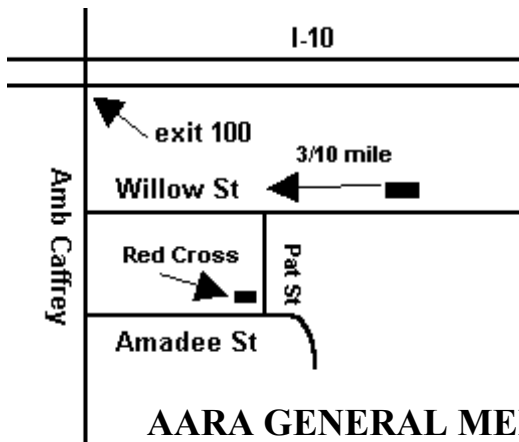
There will be a "Guest Sign-In", book on site, please fill out completely also a "Hand-Out" table with free brochures.

Remember, amateur radio works in emergency conditions when all other means of communications fail.



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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, June 3, 2010 - 7:00 PM

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE



Paul's Chicken Stew

(Submitted by Paul Scallan, Sr.- K5VSH)

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 whole chicken fryer or four chicken
breasts cut up into small pieces. | 2 chicken bouillon cubes. |
| 1 medium onion (diced). | 1 heaping tablespoon of dark brown
roux (Savoies, Richards, etc.) |
| 2 large stalks of celery (diced). | salt, pepper, garlic powder and a little
of "all purpose" flour. |

Season the chicken parts with a generous amount of salt, Pepper and garlic powder (I use a combo of red, white, and black pepper). Dust (not coat) the chicken parts with flour.

Place 1/4" to 1/2" of vegetable oil in a Dutch oven and on medium heat, brown all the chicken parts. Remove and Drain on paper towels.

Pour out all but about two (2) tablespoons of the oil and put in the diced onion and celery. Sauté' at a medium heat until clear wilted and tender. Then add a few teaspoons of flour to grab up the oil and add the heaping tablespoon of dark brown roux. Continue to sauté' and stir until well mixed (about 5 minutes).

Add the can of Cream of Mushroom Soup, the bouillon cubes, and a soup can of water. Return the chicken to the Dutch oven and Simmer on low for about 1/2 hour. Serve over steamed rice. This recipe' serves 6 people.

Send your favorite recipes to:
Herman KN5GRK
kn5grk@lusfiber.net



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245